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NEW MEN TO RUN CITY ELECTIONS

New Electoral Board Names Citizens for Registrars.

SIX INCUMBENTS ARE REAPPOINTED

Judges and Clerks to be Chosen Later On—Registrars Take Office May First for Two Years—Board Hopes They Will Accept.

New Registrars.
Clay Ward, first precinct, Richard W. Jones, (2) John R. Hooper, (3) A. H. May, (4) W. Crump Tucker, (2) F. C. Carr, (2) Joseph C. Taylor, (2) Hardin T. Burnley, (3) Edward G. Valentine, (2) A. W. Miller, (2) John Howard, Jr., (3) C. A. Zinke, (4) Thomas W. Leonard, (2) Madison—(1) Spencer Cornick, (2) J. Caskey Cabell, (3) Goodman Davis, (4) Richard P. Prophy, (2) Jefferson—(1) Roy B. Temple, (2) Charles W. Hardwick, (3) Frank L. Butler, (4) Westwood M. Williams.

Nearly All New Ones.
Above is the list of registrars appointed yesterday by the New City Electoral Board. They are nearly all new men, and were chosen to serve for terms of two years each, from May 1st, 1906. The board will appoint the judges and clerks of election during the month of May, according to the provisions of the statute on the subject, and they will hold for terms of one year each, from June 1st, 1906. The new electoral board is composed of Messrs. James Caskey, chairman; D. C. Richardson, secretary, and Dr. J. W. Hinchman.

The members have held a number of meetings, trying to make up a list of suitable officers, and they expressed the hope that those chosen would find it convenient to serve.

The commissions were mailed to all of them by the secretary last night.

Turned No One Out.
"We did not turn any one out," said Chairman Caskey. "We simply elected new men to places which became vacant by operation of law on the first day of May."

There were several resignations, and these vacancies were filled only for the unexpired terms, ending May 1st. Mr. P. T. Rowle, of Second Clay, resigned when chosen a policeman, and Mr. Hooper is named for the remainder of his term.

Mr. John Howard, Jr., is named under the circumstances for Second Monroe. Mr. B. T. Daniel having resigned because of the removal of his residence out of the precinct.

Mr. P. L. Smith, of Third Marshall, resigned upon being elected to the City Council, and Mr. R. D. Lord was chosen for his unexpired term. Out of the entire twenty-three registrars chosen, only six are incumbents. They are Messrs. Carr, of Lee; Miller, of Monroe; Davis and Cabell, of Madison, and Christian and Lord, of Marshall.

The Incumbents.
The incumbents, whose terms will expire May 1st, are: First Precinct, H. V. Clay Ward, H. H. Hulse, Moore, (2) J. E. Winston, (2) F. C. Carr, Henry—(1) Joseph Gerring, (2) Ed. Kain, (2) A. F. Sauerwald, (2) Monroe—(1) A. W. Miller, (2) R. T. Daniel, (3) Richmond, (4) J. H. Bradley. Madison—(1) A. L. Tenser, (2) J. Caskey Cabell, (3) Goodman Davis, (4) W. P. Jefferson—(1) A. Steiner, (2) H. H. Hartzell, (3) T. W. Folkes, (4) M. L. Boyle. Marshall—(1) R. A. Cavado, (2) R. J. Christian.

In the above list, the names of Messrs. Howie, Second Clay; Daniel, Second Monroe, and Smith, Third Marshall, do not appear, as they had previously resigned. The men named by the new electoral board is composed of a high class of men from end to end. It embraces lawyers, merchants, bookkeepers, bank clerks, and in nearly every instance sound business men, who have the entire confidence of the community. None of them have any official connection with party committees, nor do any hold office in any way in the city government.

ROOSEVELT PARTY OFF FOR SOUTHERN CRUISE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 29.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her children—Ethel, Archie and Quentin, the children's governess and Mrs. Roosevelt's maid, left Washington for Florida, on the Florida Limited over the Southern Railway this morning. A large number of people will board the train for a cruise of about ten days in West Indian waters. Mrs. Roosevelt is taking the trip for the purpose of securing a rest and does not expect to be entertained by the people either in Cuba or Porto Rico.

Stuart Confirmed.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of James E. B. Stuart as collector of customs, district of Newport News, Va. His nomination had been held up for a long time on several charges, among them being one that Stuart had done a number of things that tended to disrupt the Republican party.

Trial of Cruiser.

(By Associated Press.)
CAMDEN, N. J., March 29.—The cruiser Washington left the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company in South Camden today for its official trial trip. The ship will first be taken to New York, and then to the Government drydock and from there will proceed to Maine. The trial will take place over the Rockland course.

MR. JAMES E. CANNON, WHO IS LEADING IN LEGAL BATTLE



GREAT BATTLE ON OVER TAXES

Cases Involving State Revenues to Come Up on Every Conceivable Point.

LAWYERS ARE WORKING HARD

Injunction Matter Now With Judge Ingram While Appeal Cases are Before Hustings.

One of the most interesting and far-reaching cases tried in Virginia in many years, is that involving the assessment of the real estate of the Commonwealth for the year 1905, which will be heard by the Supreme Court at a special session beginning on April 10th.

Public attention has already been sharply directed to the matter, but it took an interesting turn yesterday, when argument was completed before Judge Ingram, of the Law and Equity Court, upon one of the many points upon which the case is to come up.

This was an injunction proceeding, seeking to restrain Commissioner of the Revenue O. A. Hawkins, of this city, from extending the new assessment upon his books.

It was brought by Messrs. O'Flaherty and Fulton, and James E. Cannon, attorneys for certain interests, and the style of the cause is Cannon and others vs. Hawkins.

Mr. D. C. O'Flaherty and Mr. James E. Cannon argued for the injunction, and it was opposed by City Attorney H. R. Pollard and Attorney General Anderson. Commonwealth's Attorney Minette Folkes was present on behalf of the city, but did not speak. The decision of the court will be handed down later, but whatever it may be, the matter will be taken up to the court of last resort by consent.

Before Judge Witt.

The matter before the Hustings Court is that of D. C. O'Flaherty, substituted trustee for the estate of Franklin Stearnes, and the Whitlock estate, represented by Mr. Cannon. This, too, will go up along with the first one, and the third will be a mandamus proceeding by these interests, seeking to require the commission to extend the old assessment instead of the new one upon his books.

Attorney-General Anderson is busy preparing his answers to the latter cause, in the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction.

It will be a great legal battle and one over a subject of vital importance to the people and the State.

Many questions will be raised, and the case will be fought out on all conceivable points, so that the settlement by the court will be at once final.

How It Came Up.

The issue was raised first by Mr. Cannon in the Hustings Court, where he was appealing from certain assessments made upon the property of his clients by the board of assessors.

He contended that the act of 1904 under which the assessors proceeded was unconstitutional, because it received two votes less in the Senate than the constitution requires. Again Mr. Cannon contended that a subsequent act passed by the last legislature, seeking to cure this unconstitutional defect in the previous one, was null and void, upon the ground that the legislature could not, by a subsequent act, validate one that was clearly invalid. He further asserted that, if recent act itself could not apply, for it would thus be retroactive in its operation.

The city and State attorneys are preparing their side in a most exhaustive manner, and feel sure they will be able to break down the contentions of those who are making the fight for their clients.

"The decision of the court of last resort will be earnestly awaited by the public, as the questions involved fairly bristle with public interest."

ENGLISH COTTON MEN ARRIVE AT BOSTON

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, MASS., March 29.—A committee representing a federation of English cotton spinners and manufacturers arrived here today on board the steamer Saxon. The committee is visiting this country for the purpose of investigating the growth of cotton and its use by the manufacturers, and it will attend the annual convention of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association here April 25 and 26. The visitors later will attend a conference of growers and manufacturers of cotton to be held at Washington, D. C., and also propose to visit the cotton fields of the South.

THE INSURANCE BILLS TO BE REPORTED TO-DAY

(By Associated Press.)
ALBANY, N. Y., March 29.—Charles Armstrong, of the Insurance investigating committee, who came to New York today, brought with him the bills as amended. The committee had been believed that the bills would be ready for report to both houses to-morrow.

WASHINGTON LINE ALMOST FINISHED

The Magnificent Freight Yards Between Alexandria and Potomac.

EIGHT MILLIONS IN IMPROVEMENTS

Richmond Soon to Have New "Flyer" to New York—Will Leave About Midnight and Reach Jersey City at Eight O'clock.

President William Josiah Leake, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and Washington-Southern Railroads, made an official inspection trip over his roads yesterday, from Richmond to Washington and return, leaving in his private car at 12:10 o'clock in the afternoon and reaching this city last evening at 7:15 o'clock.

In the party were Assistant to the President W. D. Duke, General Traffic Manager Warren P. Taylor, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Messrs. Hill Carter and Frank C. Christian.

The run of 116 miles to Washington was made in three hours over the new double track, except thirteen miles between Quantico and Alexandria, where the work has not yet been completed, and the old track is still being used. When in May or June the entire work has been completed, except one mile at Freestone, the distance between Richmond and Washington will be cut down to 114 miles and the regular schedule will be two hours and forty minutes.

As the crowd on the distance between the two points is a little more than one hundred miles, but on account of the charter provision of the road, that the location of its tracks should not be changed at any point more than two miles, it was found that a straighter route than that adopted was impossible.

In the entire work of double tracking, it is remarkable that the location of but one station was changed, "Brooke" being moved two hundred yards.

In Excellent Condition.
The new double tracks are in excellent condition, being heavily ballasted with gravel and laid with the best of rails. Great care has been taken in the place of old bridges, high hills have been completely moved, iron and steel work has replaced the wooden, grades have been marvellously reduced, curves have been made so gentle that high speed can be maintained continuously, and a system of signals installed of the most modern plan.

As the train speeds at more than a mile a minute along the beautiful constructed tangents, sometimes below in the miniature valleys, or high on the hills, the dismantled roadbed of the old route is still seen, telling the story to the uninitiated of the enormous forces that have been expended to lower the grades and reduce the curves of the new line. All along the route improvements are noticed, from the new yards at Acca, just outside of Richmond to the massive double track steel bridge over the Potomac River. New stations punctuate the line, long side tracks appear at frequent intervals, overhead crossings are the rule, and the roadbed is protected by well constructed drainage.

At Doswell, the express trains cross the Chesapeake and Ohio tracks at full speed, protected by an interlocking system at the switch tower which guards against any possible danger of collision.

At Fredericksburg, a new steel bridge has displaced the old one; at Cameron Run the tracks cross high above those of the Southern, avoiding the danger that lurked for years at the point where for years passed the two roads; and at Alexandria, a handsome brick station, on the west of the town, has taken the place of the old wooden one of unhappy memory.

Great Freight Yards.
It is between Alexandria and Washington that the great freight yards of the Washington-Southern are located, extending over 400 acres, containing forty miles of track and a sixty-eight separate tracks, with a capacity of handling 2,600

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JEROME BEGINS TEST ASKED BY PATRICK

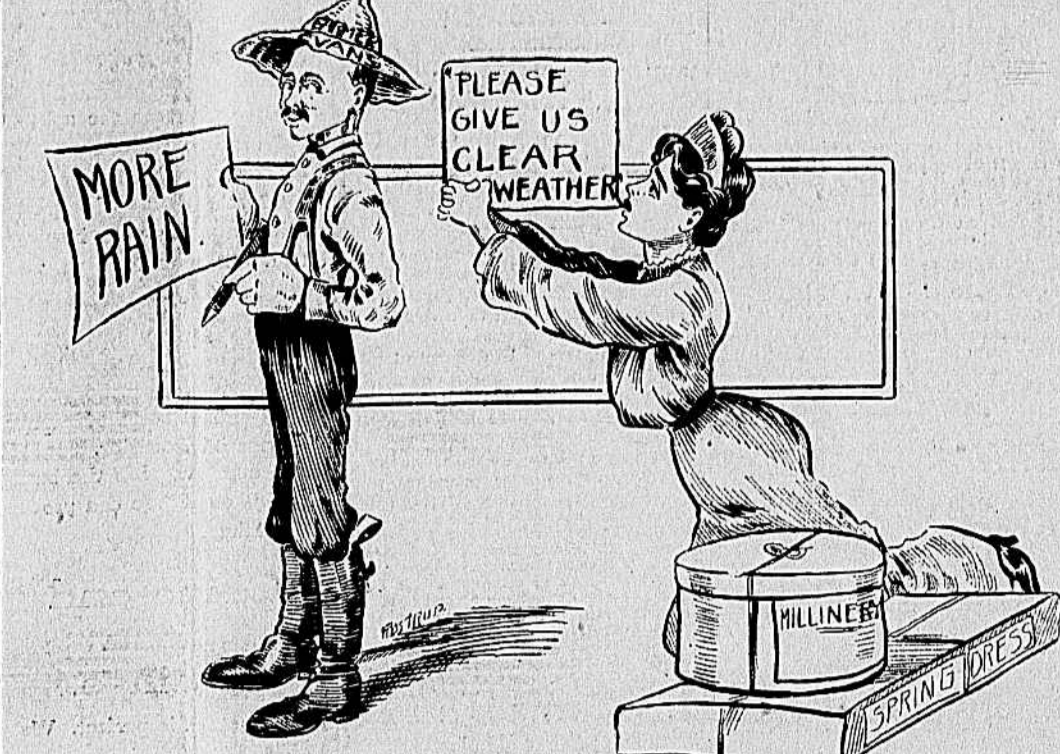
Alleged Murderer Says Embalming Fluid Was Cause of Condition of Body.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 29.—Four years after the date on which he was convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice, the Texas millionaire, Albert T. Patrick's plea that an actual test be made to prove or disprove his contention that embalming fluid and homicide form the cause of the condition of Rice's body, was granted today. It is the office of District Attorney Jerome and not the defense of Patrick, however, who has undertaken the investigation.

It was announced from District Attorney Jerome's office today that the experiments to test Patrick's theory have begun under the direction of that office upon the bodies of two patients who died in the Metropolitan Hospital. One was older and the other younger than Rice. Their bodies will be embalmed with the same sort of fluid which was used in Rice's case. After a suitable time has elapsed, autopsies will be performed.

Wants No More Quarantines.

(By Associated Press.)
JACKSON, MISS., March 29.—The House appropriation committee has agreed to report unfavorably the appropriation bill for the State Board of Health. The only explanation offered for the action is that Mississippi does not care for any more quarantines.



THE REIGN OF THE WEATHER MAN.

DOUBLE EXPORTS FROM NORFOLK

Five Foreign Steamship Lines to Establish Regular Sailings.

CAME OUT IN A LETTER

Agent Lamb, of Southern Railway is Moving to Make Arrangements.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 29.—It developed at a hearing of the board of harbor commissioners here this afternoon that at least five new foreign steamship lines will establish regular and direct sailings between Norfolk and European ports, greatly increasing the export and import business of this port. The information came out in a letter addressed to the harbor commissioners by Agent Lamb, of the Southern Railway, in which he asked for a reduction in certain port charges of the harbor.

These new lines should double the export business of the port, and make its foreign commerce compare favorably with that of Newport News. Mr. Lamb's letter, in part, follows: "The carriers at Norfolk have for some years been making every effort, at considerable expense to themselves, to prevail upon foreign steamers, in the matter of handling export freight, to make the same consideration to Norfolk as has been for some time past been accorded Newport News, in the way of direct sailings. We have at last been successful in our efforts in this direction, and the steamers of the Hamburg-American Packet Company, Holland-American line, Virginia line, Donaldson line and Tussock line will sail practically all of their steamers from Norfolk."

DISTINGUISHED VETERAN RUN OVER AND KILLED

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, March 29.—Major J. G. Hawks, former commissioner of Immigration of Louisiana, was run over by a street car today and killed. Major Hawks distinguished himself with the Virginia cavalry during the Civil War, and was one of the principal leaders in the reconstruction of Louisiana. He was a member of the Legislature after the war.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Rain and somewhat warmer Friday; Saturday, fair; fresh to brisk northeast to east winds, becoming south. North Carolina—Rain Friday; Saturday, fair; brisk east to south winds.

Conditions Yesterday.
Richmond's weather was rainy and moderate. Range of thermometer: 45 to 60. A. M. 45 6 P. M. 48 48
12 M. 49 9 P. M. 49
3 P. M. 47 12 midnight 41
(Average, 48.6)

Highest temperature yesterday 51. Lowest temperature yesterday 43. Normal temperature for March 49. Departure from normal temperature 2.5

Thermometer This Day Last Year
9 A. M. 62 6 P. M. 60
12 M. 61 9 P. M. 54
3 P. M. 57 12 midnight 51
(Average, 60.12)

Condition in Important Cities.

(At 5 P. M., Eastern Time.)
Place. Ther. High. T. Weather.
Ashville, S. C. 70 78 Rain
Austin, Tex. 60 70 Rain
Charlotte 49 48 Rain
Chattanooga 49 48 Rain
Cincinnati 42 42 Rain
Cleveland 42 42 Rain
Hartford, N. C. 66 66 Clear
New Orleans 66 66 Rain
New York City 44 48 Rain
Norfolk 44 48 Rain
Pittsburg 41 48 Rain
Raleigh 41 48 Rain
St. Louis 41 48 Rain
Washington 42 48 Rain

Miniature Almanac.

March 30, 1906.
Sun rises 6:00 Morning 8:11
Sun sets 6:29 Evening 8:27
Moon sets 11:33

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD HOUSE UP

Adopt Plan That Will Block Legislation Under the Present Rules.

SITUATION VERY UNUSUAL

Congressman Lamb Hopeful For Richmond Postoffice—Daniel and Rate Bill.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—If a plan to which a dozen or so Democrats of the House have expressed their willingness to adhere be adopted, the course of legislation in the House of Representatives will be exceedingly rough (there is no doubt about that) and the country will receive most striking illustration of the utter inability of the Republicans to legislate under the rules of the present House. It is proposed to have several Democrats detailed to watch each of the appropriation bills when it comes up, and to object to consideration of each item which proposes to increase the salary of anybody, or to increase a standing appropriation, or to create a new office. Such items are always subject to the point of order that they are new legislation, not germane to the bill, and must be stricken out in Committee of the Whole. On the motion of any member, without a vote being taken. In order to get another appropriation bill through the House, in case the Democrats pursue the tactics suggested, it will be necessary for the Republicans to adopt the rule agreed on for the legislative appropriation bill yesterday, by which the usual rule relating to points of order on new legislation was abrogated, so far as that special measure was concerned. As stated above, it will not only demonstrate the utter ineffectiveness of the rules of the House at present, but will show the country the gait at which the Republicans are going in the way of making new offices and increasing salaries.

If the Democrats adopt the plan of objecting to all new legislation contained in the appropriation bills, they will make the session a very exciting one, instead of an unusually dull one, with the House proceeding under the present rules and Democrats acquiescing in all legislation proposed by the Republicans by unanimous consent is the rule nowadays, which means that the minority does not stand in the way of the execution of Republican policy.

Richmond Postoffice.

The subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, which is considering the bill to establish a postoffice in Richmond, will have a hearing

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TO SELL PENINSULA TO UNITED STATES

Mexican Government Will Open Negotiations With Washington Very Shortly.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MEXICO CITY, MEX., March 29.—The Mexican government will soon open negotiations with the United States looking to the sale to that country of the Peninsula of Lower California. The announcement has caused the greatest interest in the peninsula and, judging by advices received here from La Paz and other lower California points, there would be little, if any opposition to the transfer.

The principal industries, and much of the land of Lower California, are in the hands of foreigners. The copper mining and smelting industry of the Bolson Company, a French concern, is the most important in the peninsula. The International Development Company, the Mexican Land Company and the Anglo-Mexican Trading Company, all English concerns, have the Charter Company of Lower California, a Boston corporation, are owners of large tracts of land. The principal American mining companies operating in Lower California are the Mendosa Consolidated Company, the Progress Mining Company, La Junta Gold Mining Company, La Ventura Mining Company and the Los Gatos Mining Company. The Mangara Exploration Company, limited, a British corporation controls the pearl fisheries along the Eastern Coast of the peninsula.

PUT PRESIDENT IN STORM CENTRE

Represented As on Both Sides in Fight Over Use of Automatic Guns in Territories.

DID NOT GIVE INTERVIEW

Language Attributed to the President by Mr. Shields is Flatly Repudiated.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—President Roosevelt figured as the storm-center in the "House Committee on Territories" today during a hearing of the Lacey bill, prohibiting the use of all kinds of automatic shotguns in the territories of the United States in the interest of the protection of game. Both sides of the controversy who were heard, endeavored to put the President on their side. The result was finally an effort to expunge the whole reference to the President from the hearings, but this the committee refused.

This record will, therefore, contain first a prepared article by President G. O. Shields, of the League of American Sportsmen, which puts the President squarely on record in favor of the campaign against repeating guns. Then, when the opposition, representing the manufacturers of small arms, intimated that the President had repudiated this statement, Mr. Shields admitted the President had refused to be placed in quotation marks, but admitted holding the views attributed to him in connection with the controversy, the attorney representing the manufacturers of the guns in question, read a letter dated February 19th, addressed to Mr. Shields by President Roosevelt, as follows:

"Sir—It appears that you have purporting to give an extended interview with me in quotation marks, putting my expressions in the first person, so as to make me responsible for both thought and language. This is inexcusable on your part. At the time you called upon me and I talked over informally with you the question of the preservation of game and of wild life generally in its various aspects, I told you explicitly that while you could state that I was in hearty general accord with your efforts, you were not to try to quote my language, and subsequently I wrote to you repeating this. As a matter of fact, in what appears to be these quotations, you in no case gave the exact language that I used. But pretending thus to give it, and by what you only, as well as what you insert which I had not said, you convey on certain points an entirely false impression, and you leave me no alternative but to explicitly repudiate your statements, which I hereby do. Had you been content to say that you gave the general sense of what I said, you would have done what you were authorized to do. But when you attempt to give my exact words, you do what I explicitly told you you should not do; but you used language which I explicitly told you was in no case accurate. Not only single sentences you quote as I said it. Some of the sentences are sheer inventions; others are inventions partly, and some of the things I said are omitted. It is unnecessary to characterize such conduct on your part."

"Yours, etc."

"THODORE ROOSEVELT."
Representative Cole, of Ohio, a member of the committee, remarked to Mr. Shields: "Do you think the President would trust himself in the woods without a repeating rifle?" Mr. Shields answered that he thought he would.

Victory for Boston.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 29.—The final match of the national request doubles championship tournament, decided to-day, resulted in a victory for Boston over New York. The competing pairs were George E. Peck and Hugh D. Scott, of Boston, and L. Waterbury and Charles E. Sands, of New York. Peck and Scott won the championship doubles last year.

Car Plunges Over Embankment.

(By Associated Press.)
MACON, GA., March 29.—A big suburban trolley car on the Vineville line plunged over a ten-foot embankment here this afternoon, injuring six passengers, none thought to be serious injuries. The cause is not known.

CONFERENCE AT END; MINERS TO STRIKE MONDAY

Anthracite Committee Orders Suspension in Three Districts.

MEET OPERATORS IN NEW YORK AGAIN

No Likelihood of Anything Further Being Accomplished Toward Settlement.

CONVENTION TO-DAY TO DETERMINE POLICY

Between Two Hundred Thousand and Four Hundred Thousand Men to Go Out—Strike Not Yet Declared, But is Inevitable—Mitchell and Parker Clash

Bituminous Miners Affected by Strike.

Pennsylvania	150,000
Illinois	53,000
Ohio	40,000
West Virginia	35,000
Virginia	15,000
Indiana	15,000
Iowa	14,000
Maryland	5,000
Kentucky	5,000
Michigan	3,500
Southwestern States	40,000
Total	384,500

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 29.—The anthracite miners scale committee today issued orders for a total suspension of mining in the anthracite districts, beginning Monday morning, April 2. The committee informed President Baer that the miners scale committee will meet the operators scale committee in New York City on Tuesday, April 3.

At the close of a meeting of the committee tonight, President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers' of America, issued the following statement:

"The committee appointed by the Shamokin Convention on December 14, met to-night and had under consideration the letter signed by Mr. Baer, dated March 20, and wired him the following:

"If agreeable to you, a meeting of the joint sub-committees will be held in New York, Tuesday, April 3, for the purpose of further considering the wage scale in the anthracite field."

"The committee having the matter in charge, instructed the anthracite miners, except the men necessary to run the pumps, and preserve the properties, to suspend work on Monday morning, April 2, pending further instructions from the committee appointed by the Shamokin Convention."

"The entire miners' committee will meet in New York at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, to hear the report of the joint sub-committee."

"JOHN MITCHELL,
Chairman.
"T. D. NICHOLS,
"W. H. DETTRY,
"JOHN FAHEY."

"Presidents Districts 1, 7 and 9. The committee which met consisted of three members, the three national board members from those districts and President Mitchell. This committee had been given power to formulate the demands of the mine workers. There was no present of the members of the subcommittee, which had been delegated power to formulate the demands in detail and present them. This consisted of the president and secretary of each of the three anthracite districts. President Mitchell was also a member of the subcommittee."

Adjourn Sine Die.
Without agreement on a wage scale the joint conference of bituminous coal operators and miners of the Central Competitive District to-day adjourned sine die, leaving affairs in such a condition that a strike of from 175,000 to 384,500 soft coal miners, besides 150,000 anthracite miners, ordered out, seems inevitable. The strike, which will be directly affected are in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and western Pennsylvania.

Miners and operators of the southwestern district, composed of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, have decided to report a disagreement to-morrow.

Iowa miners have agreed with the operators to suspend work for sixty days, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky miners, it is said, will follow the lead of the central district.

The disagreement came after a struggle lasting ten days, and disrupts the interstate agreement, which has existed since 1886 between operators and miners through which wage scales and other differences have been adjusted.